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MEXICO ACTIVITIES.

Jake Wanted More Beer—A Democrat "Half Dead, Thank You"—Hardin College Jamboree.

Everybody will be glad to welcome Rev. J. S. Connor and family to Mexico. Bro. Connor is well remembered in Audrain county, serving for some time as pastor of the Vandalia Baptist church. He comes here from Mt. Vernon, Mo., and will be missionary for the Audrain County Baptist Association.

Mrs. C. C. Frazier of this city has been entertaining her sister, Miss Annie Parish, of Rush Hill.

Wm. Meeks is afflicted with typhoid fever.

We met a Democrat the other morning and asked him how he felt. "About half dead, I thank you."

The Fire department held a banquet Friday night. There were a number of invited guests. Mayor Graham made the boys a nice speech, and everything was as merry as a May day picnic.

Tom Weinard, the restaurant man, celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary Friday by inviting in a host of his friends to a big supper—a roast pig, lobster salad, oysters and other delicacies.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, after spending the summer at their fine farm, Colonial Hill, have moved back to their residence on East Monroe street.

Hardin College girls gave a "jamboree" party the night before the election. It made big fun, indeed. An election was held in the presence of Bryan and Mrs. Bryan and Taft and Mrs. Taft. In the voting Bryan won by an overwhelming majority. But alas for Bryan! A couple of days later the Taft girls turned the tables and had their laugh.

That negro State slum worker is telling some hard stories over the State on Mexico. Says our jail is so full of negroes that the Sheriff has to send some of them home to wait their turn for prison confinement. That slum worker should come here and camp and help change these conditions. But isn't he stretching the truth just a little?

Frank Blount of Fulton came over to Mexico last Friday and took home a wife, Mrs. Lena Peery. Rev. C. M. Aker tied the nuptial knot.

"Big Jake," an American of foreign blood, started in to clean out one of our saloons last Saturday morning. The proprietor broke a bottle over Jake's head before he would quiet down and leave the premises. He wanted more booze and it was refused him. He went outside and pulled up an iron grating and was about to dash it thru a plate glass window when four policemen pounced down upon him and it required the four men to get Jake to jail, too.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kendall left Monday for Oklahoma and Texas to visit their sons there.

Mrs. Caleb Berry of this city is at the bedside of her sister-in-law, Mrs. McCall, of Rush Hill.

Roy Boatman fell from a switch engine at Francis last Saturday and is "laid up" for a few days.

Harry Brown of Apache, Oklahoma, is visiting his brother-in-law, John S. Dalton, of near Laddonia. The latter is also planning to move to Oklahoma.

The McMillan High School basketball team contested with the Hardin College team on the court of the latter last Saturday afternoon and the game was won by the High School team, 13 to 19.

Two Former Audrain Boys.

The MESSAGE has received a copy of the resolutions adopted recently by the teachers of Adair county Mo. L. B. Sipple, a former Audrain county boy, who is now superintendent of schools in Adair, and L. C. McCall, principal of the Kirksville High School, also a former teacher in this county and whose parents now reside at Rush Hill, are both highly complimented by the resolutions.

Prof. E. M. Carter represented the State Department in the Adair county gathering of teachers and talked on County Graduation. He complimented Supt. Sipple when he said that he was acquainted with each of the twenty-four county superintendents in Missouri and that he considered Mr. Sipple one of the best, most energetic and progressive. Principal L. C. McCall made a forceful talk on "Nature Study" and won laurels for himself.

Mr. Sipple and Mr. McCall are proud to hail from Audrain, and we are proud to own them.

A New Arithmetic.

"I am not so much of a mathematician," said the cigaret, "but I can add to a man's nervous troubles, I can subtract from his physical energy, I can multiply his aches and pains, I can divide his mental powers, I can take interest from his work and discount his chances for success."

Strangled To Death.

The little child of C. L. Thomas near Skinner which was afflicted with whooping cough, last Monday morning, week, while at play in the yard, took with a violent coughing spell and strangled to death.

The funeral was held Thursday. The MESSAGE joins many other friends in extending sympathy to the sorrow-stricken parents.

Rush Hill Bank.

The stockholders of the Bank of Rush Hill recently elected the following officers and directors: Dr. W. E. Cornett, president; Frank Erdel, Sr., vice-president, Henry Weber, secretary; L. W. Roberts, cashier; Gaither Berry, Henry Smith and Hardy Doolin.

Rush Hill Bank is one of the best managed and most prosperous banking institutions in the county.

New County Missionary.

The Journal and Fountain, published at Mt. Vernon, Lawrence county, Mo., last week contained the following paragraph:

Eld. J. S. Connor, pastor of the Baptist church in this city for three years and eight months, and who resigned recently, left yesterday for his new work at Mexico, Audrain County, this State, where he begins work Sunday at a salary of \$1,200, as County Missionary. Tuesday evening the ladies of the church gave him and family a supper and social at the dining hall of the Baptist church in honor of his 57th birthday, and their appreciation of his valuable services during his pastorate. There were about 100 of the church members and invited guests. Addresses were made by Rev. W. O. Mohr and Rev. E. W. Elager, in which they spoke of Brother Connor as a co-worker in the religious services of the city. Eld. Connor responded in well-timed words. Judge J. W. Hopper spoke for the church, L. E. Seneker followed as a friend; Joseph Connor, son of Eld. Connor, spoke and then Mrs. Mary Gibbs, the Sunday School Superintendent, closed. The gathering was gotten up on short notice but was a very social one. The church has lost a splendid man and pastor. Brother Connor and family will be missed, spiritually, morally and intellectually.

A FARMER'S WISH.

Thinks Rev. "Billy" Sunday Would Help Bring Better Things for Mexico.

S. E. Stratton, near Benton City, this county, last week wrote the MESSAGE as follows:

"Benton City, Mo., Nov. 3, 1908. Mr. Beal, Dear Sir and Friend:—Enclosed find clipping from the Chicago Tribune stating what 'Billy' Sunday has done for Jacksonville, Ill. How I wish he could do as well for Mexico and vicinity."

The clipping he refers to is headed "Revival Closes All Saloons." Illinois City's Gospel Record Broken by Billy Sunday, and He Feels Constrained to Refuse Money."

The body of the article is as follows:

Jacksonville, Ill., Nov. 1.—"Billy" Sunday, the baseball evangelist, closed a five weeks' meeting here tonight. In two free will offerings today he received \$7,270. The people started to take the third offering tonight when the evangelist entered the tabernacle and stopped the tellers. Finally the evening offering, at the suggestion of the evangelist, was given to a hospital.

Sunday has caused 2,542 professions of conversions, and 20,000 people heard him to-day. Every saloon in Jacksonville has closed its doors, and fifteen saloon proprietors are enjoying liberty thru the suzerainty of the judge of the circuit court.

It has been the greatest gospel cleanup Jacksonville has ever seen.

Benton City.

Bert Waddington is completing a fine new cottage, Mr. Kle Kemp of Mexico is doing the carpenter work.

Ed Rockwell's folks spent Sunday at Mr. Chas. Cunningham's. Frank Okey who lost his house by fire a short time ago is rebuilding. Larence Thompson of Benton is doing the work.

Frank Griffer lost a fine two year old colt last week by straw stack falling over on it.

The suit between Mr. Rockwell and the Burlington R.R. was settled out of court, the R.R. paying Mr. Rockwell \$125.00 for damage done by fire and trains killing some of his pigs.

Mr. T. N. Starr has traded his farm south of Benton City for a large farm in Texas.

A few of our enterprising farmers donated some good work by the big bridge east of town. This piece of road has needed fixing for a long time. Good roads speak well for a community and makes adjoining farms more valuable.

Lande Mitchell and wife have moved from the farm to Benton City.

Mrs. Gev. Apel, N. E. of town, is quite sick.

G. L. Bowen of Clarence has moved to Mexico and has a position with J. W. Dry in the South Side Hardware Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Utterback of Vandalia spent Sunday with their grandchildren here, Norton Melson and Mrs. Louis McKee.

J. O. Pierson, one of Benton City's pushing and energetic business men, made the MESSAGE a pleasant business call the other day.

The MESSAGE is in receipt of a short letter from Russell Gregory at Purdum, Neb., who graduated from the Mexico High School last year. Russell is teaching at Purdum. Says he has a nice school and is enjoying the work very much. Russell is all right and will succeed.

A MAD DOG.

Canine Which Bit Little Girl Had Rabies.

One day the early part of last week a dog which belonged to C. C. Cleveland got into a fight with a dog belonging to Guy Waite.

After the fight little Kath-rine Waite went over to the Cleveland home and as soon as she entered the yard the dog ran around the house and sprang upon her, lacerating one of her hands and also sinking its teeth into one of her limbs.

The dog was caught and locked up and its actions watched. Last Sunday night the dog died. A committee of six physicians, after thorough investigation of the case, announced that the dog had rabies.

Mr. Waite hastened to St. Louis with his little daughter and put her under the pasteur treatment.

In the meantime the order has gone forth that every dog in town shall be muzzled, and a number of dogs have been shot that were known to have been bitten by the Cleveland dog.

Married Last Sunday.

Mr. C. H. Hamilton and Miss Rosa Marshall, both of this city, were united in marriage last Sunday morning, Rev. W. M. White officiating. A sumptuous dinner was served at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Laura Marshall. Mr. Hamilton is connected with the tailoring establishment of Stanley & Hamilton. Here's best wishes extended Mr. Hamilton and his bride.

Lost His Money and Watch.

Loek Nevins was halted by two men at the southwest corner of Hardin Park last Saturday night at about 9:30 while on his way home and told to throw up his hands. One man then caught his hands and pulled them behind him while the other went through his pockets. Nevins lost \$25 in money and his watch. Whether the robbers were white men or negroes Mr. Nevins does not know.

Mrs. Bettie Baskett, colored, died last Sunday night. She had been sick for several weeks. She was highly respected by both whites and blacks.

The pure buckwheat flour, Grubama meal and ship bran and all kinds of mill feed at the Laddonia Mill.

P. H. Derriek, Proprietor.

Miss Elma Tanner of this city is in Denver, Colo., with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Leeper, who has been in the Hospital there for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Annie Day Harrison, formerly of Laddonia, this county, now of Livingston Mont., passed thru this city last Friday on her way to see her father at that place who is ill.

Mrs. P. A. Harris, of Laddonia, who had been visiting her son, John Harris, at Wellsville, was in this city last Friday on her way to Denison, Texas, where she will spend the winter with her son, Allen Harris.

Rev. J. D. Watson of this city closed a very successful revival meeting recently at McCune Station, in Pike county, with 23 addition to the membership. This week he is assisting Rev. E. S. Gibbs in a meeting at Yucatan, in Callaway county.

Fire and Tornado.

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Mexico, Mo.

SURROUNDING AUDRAIN

Zed W. Weldon has sold his interest in a Mexico barbershop and has been with his family in Hallsville for the past week.

J. S. Barbridge of Pike county has bought an auto and will move to Bowling Green some time soon. He will go into the hotel and transfer business.

Mike Stephens, northwest of Auxvasse, cut a bee tree the other day that contained nine gallons of honey, and Mike says he will live sweet this winter.

A government license to operate a wholesale liquor joint in Centralia has been applied for, we understand, and we surmise the same will be conducted by a party from Mexico, says the Centralia Guard.

Guy McCune came over from Benton City Saturday night and spent Sunday with his parents here, says the Pike Co. Post. Guy is doing well over there. For about two weeks he had entire charge of the bank of which he is cashier, during the proprietor's absence.

Montee Gorrell, near Santa Fe, was seriously injured while gathering corn a week or two ago. There were four teams in the field and all four of them ran away after the first had been stampeded by a dog. Mr. Gorrell, being hard of hearing, did not know that a team was bearing down upon him in the back. One of the mules stepped on him when he fell, inflicting dangerous injuries.

Boyd Clatterburg of near Fulton who was bitten by a horse recently went to St. Louis to take "Pasture" treatment for rabies. The specialist wired to have the brain of the horse sent to him for microscopic examination and the report is that the examination disclosed the germs of the disease. Mr. Clatterburg will take the prescribed course of treatment as a preventative of the disease.

This is told at the expense of a former Ralls county man: He was on his way to the voting place when a neighbor handed him a horsebill with a request to post it in a conspicuous place. Nothing was thought of it until one of the counting judges came across the bill in the ballot box. Taking the number and looking upon the corresponding number on the record the judge easily detected who made the mistake. Some time after the election he accosted the voter, asking how he voted. The latter replied: "I never scratch, I vote 'er straight."

Graver Cleveland Yeager, of New London, and Miss Laura D. Pryor, of Frankford, both romantic youngsters, selected sunset and Spencer Creek bridge as the time and place of their marriage on Wednesday of last week. The poet of the Frankfort Chronicle thus sentimentalizes: "No one was anticipating the romantic way in which they chose to place the climax upon life's sweetest and tenderest story. Upon the woodfaud bridge, with its beautiful environment; the overlooking bluff over whose brow Nature had hung her own proper adornment, and the deep azure of the sky beyond; the fields with their carpets freshened and bright after the recent rains; the smooth glassy surface of the water beneath reflecting the image of rocks and trees and lovers; here, with their faces fixed upon the setting sun but with hearts and spirits bathing in the morning dews of hope, they listened to the words spoken," etc.

Mrs. Ernest Boone has returned to Thompson after a visit to Mexico relatives.

Rev. J. S. Connor and family are settled in their home on East Monroe street.

ECHOES FROM THE DENVER CONVENTION.

Reported to the 11th, 13th, 14th and 15th Districts of the W. C. T. U. of Mo.

BY MRS. OCEOLA LANE, MEXICO, MO.

It was an enthusiastic little crowd that left Kansas City the morning of the 20th of October last on the White Ribbon Special for the National W. C. T. U. Convention at Denver, Colo. Besides our own Missouri women we had three State presidents, Mrs. Carrie L. Stokes of Missouri, Mrs. Salina H. Holman of Tenn. and Mrs. Harriette Kells of Miss. and several delegates from other States.

Nothing of special interest till we reached Junction City, Kansas. When the members of the W. C. T. U. and the L. T. L. met our train and gave us a cordial greeting and God-Speed. The L. T. L. drilled on the platform, sang and gave the rally cry, and as the train started gave us a beautiful bouquet of ferns, roses, carnations and chrysanthemums tied with a large, white ribbon bow.

At nine o'clock we held vesper service, led by Mrs. Holman.

We reached Denver at 8 a. m. of the 21st. As our convention did not begin till the 23rd, we had two days to visit the Colorado convention that was then in session. The meetings were largely a school of methods, Supt. meetings, etc., very similar to our own.

Friday morning, 8:30, we were called to order in committee room of the auditorium. Prayer led by Miss Jennie Smith. Keynote of meeting, "Kingdom of God;" Seed thoughts,—"Our aim is to be right. If righteous we will do right, will be Christ like." "Result of right living a joyous life. If the love of God is within you, you will exert a good influence on those around you. Miss Smith prayed very earnestly for more workers, more consecration. "God is on the giving hand; all things are possible with him. If we consecrate ourselves God will use us. By faith the walls of Jericho fell. All things are not only possible, but probable with God. May we do more this year than ever before. May we hold on till victory comes."

Mrs. Kells of Miss. said: "God leads us. Give to the winds thy fears."—Work persistently, work for constitutional amendment."

At 9:30 convention called to order in the auditorium by the president, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens. After the reading of the Crusade Psalm (146) the audience sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." An earnest prayer by Mrs. Helen Bullock. Then all joined in singing the Glory Song. Roll called found delegates from every State except Alaska.

Next in order was the address of our president, Mrs. Stevens. After the greetings she said: "We shall rise to higher altitude! Let us likewise be exalted in mind and in spirit. Let us fight the battle of the Lord. You are the women who have heard the cry of the world because of strong drink; women who know the significance of the crusade movement, because you moved in it; younger women who have learned the meaning of the crusade and realize that it is the Divinest manifestation of God's

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